



General Assembly

February Session, 2000

***Raised Bill No. 324***

LCO No. 1391

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***An Act Concerning Reporting Delinquent Utility Bills To Credit Bureaus.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (g) of section 16-262d of the general statutes is repealed  
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (g) (1) No electric, gas, telephone or water public service company  
4 and no municipal utility furnishing electric, gas or water service shall  
5 submit to a credit rating agency, as defined in section 36a-695, any  
6 information about a residential customer's nonpayment for electric,  
7 gas, telephone or water service unless the customer is more than sixty  
8 days delinquent in paying for such service. In no event shall such a  
9 company or municipal utility submit to a credit rating agency any  
10 information about a residential customer's nonpayment for such  
11 service if the customer has initiated a complaint, investigation hearing  
12 or appeal with regard to such service under subsection (c) of this  
13 section that is pending before the department.

14 (2) Each electric, gas, telephone and water public service company  
15 and each municipal utility furnishing electric, gas or water service

16 shall include a statement with each bill that states "IF YOU ARE MORE  
17 THAN SIXTY DAYS DELINQUENT IN PAYING FOR THIS SERVICE,  
18 WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO REPORT THE DELINQUENCY TO A  
19 CREDIT RATING AGENCY. REPORTING SUCH INFORMATION  
20 COULD AFFECT YOUR CREDIT RATING".

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require utilities to notify customers of the utilities' right to notify credit rating agencies of delinquent utility bills.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*